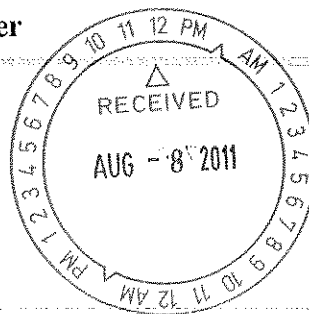


Trixie Behr - Rate Hike Rocky Mountain Power

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This has gone far enough. This company, through its parent, Berkshire Hathaway and the puppet master Warren Buffet, has asked for multiple rate hikes yearly ever since the old Utah Power was taken over.

The newest request, over 200 Million, is just a sample of what is to come later. I have never seen anything to justify all of the other rate hikes approved by our wonderful PSC. Where are all of these new power plants and apparatus? Coal fired plants are not eco-friendly and will be obsolete some day. I am already paying, on top of the other increases, 1.50 per month for "Plant Improvements", a higher rate for "summer rates" which should not go through September like they do or start in April either, for that matter. My rate has gone up almost 20% monthly, ridiculous.

Has the PSC seen recently that Mr. Buffet's company has record profits this year so far? The PSC have to know they are being played with these continued rate increase requests. If they don't we need to replace them immediately.

Rocky Mountain is graciously going to accept half of what they are asking for this year with a promise of no more requests until next February. We should take a deep breath for the next one, I am sure it will make this year's request pale, and of course, they will settle for less, knowing they will eventually get what they want.

This company is in business to make profits. They need to pay for their own expenses out of their own profits, not be allowed to go to the wishing well year after year to get more. Belt tightening is the way it is for me and everyone else, why not them too? What are they going to do if they don't get what they want?? Turn off the electricity?? No way. **NO MORE RATE INCREASES FOR 2 YEARS.** Declare a moratorium. Make these people justify what they are asking for.

I am already sweltering in the heat this year using a fan instead of central air. I get my bill down to a decent amount, and RMP wants to add more to it. I might as well mention I have been unemployed for 3 years now and there are at least 40,000 people in this state in the same boat. How about doing something for us instead of the rich and powerful??

Thank you for the opportunity to complain. I'm sure RMP will get what they want anyway and there will be lots of schmoozing and palm slapping when the deal is done.